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The Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman
Committee on Government Operations
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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This is in reply to the letter of 2 December 1954 from the former chairman of the Committee, requesting certain specified information for inclusion in the 1955 revision of the chart on Organization of Federal Executive Departments and Agencies, as well as for supplemental data to be included in the Committee report on Organization of Federal Executive Departments and Agencies.

The internal organization of the Central Intelligence Agency, together with details as to its functions and number of personnel employed, has security implications of a nature to require that such data remain unpublished and be maintained on a highly classified basis. Any foreign intelligence organization, with such data in its possession, would very rapidly be able to figure out the scope of CIA's operations. The intent of Congress was expressed on this point in Section 7 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (P.L. 110 - 81st Congress), which specifically exempts the Agency from provisions of law which require the publication or disclosure of the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency. In assisting us to preserve the security of this type of information, the last edition of your Committee report on Organization of Federal Executive Departments and Agencies (Committee Report No. 14, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session) stated on page 4 that there were excluded from the personnel totals "employees of the Central Intelligence Agency, which information is classified for security reasons." In addition, the accompanying chart, which lists the Central Intelligence Agency in the Executive Office of the President, also does not include the Agency's personnel strength.

For the reasons indicated above, it would, therefore, be greatly appreciated if the forthcoming editions of the report and chart would merely continue to note the exclusion of CIA data for security reasons.

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Sincerely,

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